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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 31, lines 10-13, delete "Figure 16 shows a comparison between amino acid sequences of human and mouse NR8 $\beta$ . The amino acid sequences where the two coincide are shadowed. Also, cysteine residues conserved in other hemopoietin receptors are displayed in boldface type within the sequence."

At page 31, lines 14-18, delete "Figure 17 shows a comparison between amino acid sequences of human and mouse NR8 $\gamma$ . The amino acid sequences where the two coincide are shadowed. Also, cysteine residues conserved in other hemopoietin receptors and the WSXWS-Box are displayed in boldface type within the sequence."

At page 31, line 19, replace "18" with --16--.

At page 31, line 23, replace "19" with --17--.

At page 55, lines 29-30, delete "Figure 16 shows a comparison between human and mouse NR8 $\beta$  amino acid sequences."

At page 55, lines 30-31, delete "Figure 17 shows a comparison between human and mouse NR8 $\gamma$  amino acid sequences."

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